

PROCLAMATION WOLF AWARENESS WEEK OCTOBER 12-18, 2003

WHEREAS, educating the public about species conservation is an integral component of sustaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the wolf is a symbol of wilderness and an integral part of natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, a growing environmental awareness of the benefits of maintaining biological diversity has raised public interest in the wolf; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the wolf in the United States of America remains uncertain and depends upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role wolves play in nature; and

WHEREAS, education is crucial to promoting the awareness and understanding of wolves; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I hereby proclaim October 12-18, 2003, **WOLF AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State